

CME hours need to be in the broad area of thoracic surgery. Category II credits are not allowed. Interested individuals should refer to the Booklet of Information for Maintenance of Certification for a complete description of acceptable CME credits. Diplomates will be expected to submit verification of CME earned.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will need to provide a summary of their major cases performed during the year prior to application. The practice review should not exceed 100 cases.

Diplomates in the Maintenance of Certification process will be required to complete all sections of the SESATS self-assessment examination. It is not necessary for Diplomates to purchase SESATS individually, because it will be sent to them after their application has been approved.

Diplomates may apply for Maintenance of Certification in the year their certificate expires, or if they wish to do so, they may apply up to two years before it expires. However, the

new certificate will be dated 10 years from the date of expiration of their original certificate or most recent recertification certificate. In other words, going through the Maintenance of Certification process early does not alter the 10-year validation. Diplomates certified prior to 1976 (the year that time-limited certificates were initiated) are also required to participate in MOC if they wish to maintain valid certificates.

The deadline for submission of application for the Maintenance of Certification is May 10 of each year. All ABTS diplomates will receive a letter from the Board outlining their individual timeline and MOC requirements. A brochure outlining the rules and requirements for Maintenance of Certification in thoracic surgery is available upon request from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St. Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611; telephone (312) 202-5900; fax (312) 202-5960; email info@abts.org. This booklet is also published on the website: www.abts.org.

AATS Awards Recipients Announced

57th Graham Fellow Named

Established by the American Association for Thoracic Surgery and administered through the Graham Education and Research Foundation, the Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship supports study by young cardiothoracic surgeons from outside North America at sites of their choice within North America. Goals of the program are to broaden overall training and increase international contacts. The fellowship provides an annual stipend of \$75,000 to surgeons of unique promise who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership.

The recipient of the **2009-2010 fellowship** is Dr. Juan Fibla of Barcelona, Spain who plans to study under Dr. Mark S. Allen at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Third Edward D. Churchill Research Scholars Announced

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery announces the recipients of the Third Edward D. Churchill Research Scholarship which provides an opportunity for research, training and experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery. The scholarship is funded at \$80,000 a year for two years by the Association and administered through the Graham Education and Research Foundation.

2009-2011 Recipients:

Dr. Prasad S. Adusumilli of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for his research proposal entitled "Regional

immune co-stimulation to enhance mesothelin targeted immunotherapy for malignant pleural mesothelioma"

Dr. William M. Yarbrough of Stanford University/ Medical University of South Carolina for his research proposal entitled "Mechanisms and Significance of the Myocardial Specific Endogenous Inhibitor, TIMP-4 in the Progression of Hypertrophy and Failure with Aortic Stenosis"

2008-2009 Resident Fellowship Recipients Announced

The Resident Traveling Fellowship provides a \$7,500 grant to each of the following recipients to train for up to two weeks at one or more institutions of their choice and also to attend the AATS 2009 annual scientific meeting scheduled for May 9 thru 13 in Boston, Massachusetts.

2008-2009 Recipients:

- **Rony Atoui**, McGill University
Host: Leipzig Heart Center/ Herzzentrum Leipzig,
Michael Borger, MD / Friedrich Mohr, MD
- **Leah Backhus**, UCLA
Host: University of Washington, Douglas Wood, MD
- **Mark Berry**, Duke University,
Host: University of Pittsburgh, James Luketich, MD
- **Alexander Farivar**, Brigham and Women's Hospital
Host: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Robert McKenna, MD
- **Felix Fernandez**, Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Host: Universita La Sapienza, Erino Rendina, MD
- **Ashok Muniappan**, Massachusetts General Hospital
Host: Marie Lannelongue Hospital, Phillippe Darteville, MD
- **Varun Puri**, Washington University
Host: Toronto General Hospital, Shaf Keshavjee, MD